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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, mailing addresses, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SPLINT OR SUPPORT WITH QUICK LOCATION TECHNIQUE**, the specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

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(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Country</u> | Foreign Filing Date<br><u>MM/DD/YYYY</u> | Priority Claimed<br><u>Yes</u> <u>No</u> |
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e) of any United States application(s) listed below:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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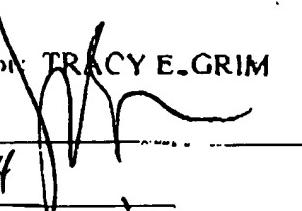
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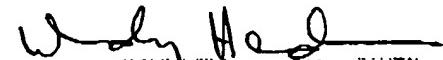
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